GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1666
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2000
ESTABLISHMENT OF PASSPORT OFFICE IN MADURAI
SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up passport office at Madurai in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a),(b) & (c): There is already one full-fledged Passport Office in the region which is located at Trichy for collection as well as processing of applications and a Passport Application Collection Centre at Madurai for collection of applications.

The opening of a new Passport Office is governed by certain criteria such as the location of existing offices, volume of applications from a particular region and the recommendation of the Standing Committee of Parliament of the Ministry of External Affairs that there should be at least 50,000 applications per annum from an area where new passport office is to be opened.

The number of passport applications received at the Collection Centre at Madurai was 14,323 in 1998 and 12,099 in 1999.
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